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Patient Advisory Board for Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital announced



Board members with Minister Dr. Richard Visser and Dr. Arnoud Boesten

Dr. Arnoud Boesten, Director of the Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital was pleased yesterday to receive Minister of Public Health and Sports, Dr. Richard Visser, for the official announcement of a Patient Advisory Board consisting of experts representing various foundations supporting patients who need chronic care.

Dr. Boesten is accustomed to such advisory boards in Holland, and felt it would add a necessary element to the service of hospital patients. He explained the hospital has an average of 12,500 stay over patients annually, and approximately 4,500 out-patients per year.

The Patient Advisory Board will meet with hospital officials a few times a year to provide their input on optimal improvements in service, hospital topography, and other elements; their observances and recommendations will be particularly appreciated regarding many of the upgrades and additions to the hospital that are now in

process.

Board members include Marisol Desiree Chong-Tromp of the Aruba Diabetic Foundation, Marieke F. van der Linden-Bezemer representing The Foundation for Breastfeeding and Respeta Mi, dedicated to protecting abused children, Mario Boekhoudt of Cas Marie, for those living with Alzheimer's, Uleike Tromp, representing Aruba Autism Foundation, Illiane Mansur of the Aruba Heart Foundation, and Hans Rokebrandt from SABA, which specializes in care for the elderly.

These individuals will analyze and advise to the needs of the particular groups in which they work, who generally comprise a major portion of the hospital population.

Both Dr. Boesten and Minister Dr. Visser expressed this was a milestone moment in Aruba's health care sector; the start of a number of initiatives to better serve the patients.

by Rosalie Klein

Cruise and Airline Hopping to Become Reality



WILLEMSTAD -- Prime Minister of Curacao, Mr. Schotte's brain child, Cruise and Airline Hopping, brought many dignitaries together for a two day conference held in Curacao. (should they choose to do so) at a destination and select air service to connect to other destinations. The cruise passenger will be able to connect with 8 destinations in the South Caribbean region. This project will offer tourism and commerce to these destinations that undoubtedly will impact their economies. This ingenious concept will afford cruise passengers the option to visit multiple destinations via air or sea by purchasing one single ticket.

The participating destinations in the project are: Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Venezuela, Colombia, Trinidad & Tobago and Grenada.

Aruba Minister of Tourism, Otmar Oduber, who attended this conference in Curacao, applauded the Curacao Prime Minister and the Curacao Minister of Economic Affairs, Minister Hakim for their initiative in coming up with this brilliant project. Oduber is convinced that such regional cooperation is necessary in order to protect and develop the interests of our region and the individual islands.

Now that they have signed the letter of intent, the next steps for the coming 6 months will be to form a commission comprised of representatives of each of the destinations. They will also begin work on preparing a viability/feasibility study which must be completed within a particular time frame. Short term and long term planning with respect to marketing possibilities and demand for such a project must be ascertained. It is their intention to have this study done by an external concern which would be financed by the participating destinations. Finally, they will also engage in an investigation regarding the logistics of such an elaborate project.

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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

Tropical Storm Lee brings more flooding, stokes wildfires as Katia becomes a powerful category 3 hurricane



DALLAS - Tropical Storm Lee, which has been downgraded to a tropical depression, continued to cause flooding in Louisiana and

Mississippi as it headed north Monday.

The storm's high winds have also been whipping up wildfires in Texas.

Lee has left more than a foot of rain in some areas.

The Texas fire was blamed

for the death of two while it also destroyed at least 300 homes in central Texas, officials said Monday.

The storm is expected to dump between four and eight inches of rain as it crosses into Alabama. Tropical Storm Lee has already left 13 inches of rain in New Orleans and spawned tornadoes in Lillian.

Meanwhile Hurricane Katia strengthened to a powerful category three hurricane in the Atlantic Monday, but was still too far from any land to pose an immediate risk to life or property, US officials said.

Texas Governor Rick Perry, who is running as a Republican presidential candidate, has cut short his campaigning and returned from South Carolina to Texas yesterday.



I WAS A DRUM MAJOR FOR JUSTICE,
PEACE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

Poet Maya Angelou blasted the engraving on the base of the monument, a truncated quote from a sermon King gave just months before his assassination. In the sermon, King said the following: "Yes, if you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice. Say that I was a drum major for peace. I was a drum major for righteousness. And all the other shallow things will not matter." That quote was shortened to "I was a drum major for justice, peace and righteousness," and placed at the base of the 30-foot likeness of King. In an interview with the Washington Post, Angelou claimed the abbreviated quote made King look like "an arrogant twit." For her, it all boiled down to the omission of the word, "if."

Chavez urges Libya's Kadhafi to resist

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez on Monday urged Moammer Kadhafi to "resist" and said he was certain the ousted Libyan strongman, whose whereabouts are unknown, is not thinking of leaving the country.

Libyan rebels were threatening Monday to attack Bani Walid, a loyalist stronghold. Kadhafi himself has not been seen since rebels stormed Tripoli on August 20, although as recently as Thursday he aired audio messages

calling on his supporters to prepare for guerrilla war.

Chavez, Kadhafi's main ally in Latin America, has defended the Libyan strongman since the start of the uprising against his four decade old rule in February, accusing NATO of using the conflict to gain control over Libya's oil.

On Monday, Chavez called on the so-called BRICS group of newly emerging economic powers, leftist Latin American governments and African states to join forces to stop the "barbarity" unleashed by NATO in Libya.

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Kadafi regime tried to buy arms to fight Libyan rebels in China

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Such an arms sale would have violated a U.N. Security Council resolution passed in February, with China's sup-

port, imposing sanctions on Libya for using force against civilians.

The allegations of illegal arms sales complicate the already troubled relationship between China and the transitional government. Once the third-largest customer for Libyan oil, China enjoyed close economic ties with the Kadafi regime. Despite its vote in favor of U.N. Resolution 1970 authorizing sanctions, Beijing did not support NATO airstrikes and was vociferous in its criticism of U.S. and European interventions in Libya.



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WEB Making Big Strides on Improving Efficiency

BALASHI -- Only two islands in the Caribbean have lower electric bills than that of Aruba. In Trinidad electricity is much less than Aruba's, but they use their own petroleum to create electricity. In Puerto Rico they use gas and the fact that the population there is so vast makes it possible to keep the price down and much cheaper than the price of electricity in Aruba. The secret of Web Aruba is efficiency! WEB succeeded in reducing the amount of fuel used to produce electricity from 6000 to 3500 barrels per day, while the amount of electricity produced has increased. They succeeded in making a substantial reduction in the cost price of producing electricity. In addition they also reduced the contamination of the environment.

Since last year WEB is receiving a substantial amount of electricity from the Wind Mill Park. According to WEB spokesman, Kelvin Augustin, WEB has no expertise on wind energy. They entered into a contract agreement with a concern who owns the wind mill park from which WEB receives the electricity produced by the wind mills. WEB was responsible for laying the infrastructure to transport the electricity from the park to their lines. This investment has to be calculated into the price."

A question often raised by consumers is why WEB is not doing more in producing durable energy. According to Augustin ..."From the inception of WEB they have been producing sustainable energy. All of our investments in new equipment have resulted in the reduction of fuel oil in our production of every kilowatt hour of electricity.

We constantly monitor the developments in the field of alternative energy. Regrettably, we are not able to use the term 'alternative energy' as yet. We



are unable to deviate from combustible fuel (fossil)."

Maas Van Drie, the project manager, explained why it is not possible for WEB to comply with Aruba's demand using the wind mills. He explained that on a sunny day with no wind in the month of September, the electricity demand is about 130 megawatts. That is the maximum electricity demand. But if there is no wind, the wind mills will not produce this amount, because they will not be turning. At those moments, WEB must have sufficient capacity to comply with the demand. That requires a massive investment.

Van Drie compared the situation with a person who always goes to work on his bicycle. But when it rains he uses his automobile. So, he has a car in his garage at home in which he has invested quite some money. By not using his car everyday to work he is saving only on gasoline expenses. WEB has sufficient capacity to comply with the highest possible demand, but will save only on fuel if their machines are not in use.

The government of Aruba and the Valero Aruba Refinery are working together on a gas project for Aruba. If all continues as planned, by the end of 2012 WEB will be using gas for their production. Considering that the price of gas remains cheaper than fuel, we will be able to produce electricity for a considerably lower price, according to Augustin. In the

meantime, WEB is investing in the machinery that will be able to work with petroleum and gas. When gas becomes available, we will simply switch over to gas from petroleum. In addition to being cost effective, this will also benefit our environment, because gas is clean.

According to Augustin, the consumption of electricity in Aruba is higher than in all of the Caribbean. We use more electricity than any of the other islands in the Caribbean!

We use almost the exact amount being used in the United States! According to Van Drie, we need to begin building while paying more attention to the wind and sun. In the past we built taking the wind and sun into account, but we have stopped doing so and now we just build away!

Hence, our air-conditioning systems must work harder to compensate. Then, we need to do more on spreading information to the public to make our citizens aware of some of the things they need to do to build more wisely. Also, there must be the proper labeling of electrical machinery and appliances. Installing solar panels or wind mills will also make a significant difference. Van Drie is of the opinion that a government subsidy would help with such projects. All in all, it is obvious that WEB is doing its maximum to reduce their cost of production and is intent on keeping the price of electricity down for the consumer.

Central Bank of Aruba announces: Double digit growth tourism receipts in june

ORANJESTAD -- The Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) concludes in its Monthly Bulletin of June 2011 that tourism receipts, as recorded in the balance of payments, increased by 10.3 percent when compared to June 2010. The number of stay-over visitors strengthened by 13.1 percent to 68,136 visitors in June 2011, while cruise tourism recorded a decline of 2,477 passengers (-21.6 percent) compared to June 2010. Overall, the tourism sector performed

ences the comparison of government revenue. When excluding this large incidental receipt, tax revenue show then an Afl. 9.7 million decrease. The main causes were drops in revenue from wage tax (Afl. 7.7 million) and profit tax (Afl. 3.0 million). On the other hand, proceeds from taxes on commodities, turnover tax, and foreign exchange tax all augmented, posting in total an additional of Afl. 4.0 million compared to June 2010.

In June 2011, money supply contracted by Afl. 27.2 million to Afl. 3,189.4 million, largely as a result of an Afl. 18.1 million reduction in the net domestic assets. In addition, the net foreign assets fell by Afl. 9.1 million. Consumer credit grew by Afl. 2.6 million, while credit to enterprises showed, for the second month in a row, an improvement (+Afl. 12.1 million). This was caused predominantly by higher current account credit to enterprises. The total amount of housing mortgages declined by Afl. 0.5 million, the first drop since March 2010.

On June 22, 2011, the government issued Afl. 93.8 million in 12-year government bonds at par with an annual yield of 5.2 percent and Afl. 100.0 million in 15-year government bonds at par with an annual yield of 5.4 percent. The proceeds of these bonds issuance were in order to repay maturing debt and to cover part of the Afl. 325 million budgeted financial deficit for 2011.

Visit the Mario Hernandez shop for the finest in Latin American designer accessories



Men's leather accessories

"It's all in the details," believes the owners of the Mario Hernandez shop in the Paseo Herencia Mall. "The fine hand-craftsmanship and classic styling of the Mario Hernandez accessories have placed them in high demand around the world,

Mario Hernandez designer collection. It also features a stylish selection of the designer's logo unisex shirts and stunning silk scarves. Our personal favorite was a cashmere shawl with MH 25th anniversary Chrysalis motif in suede ap-

sort, with specialized functions. "Our men's accessories are extremely popular; literally flying off the shelves," note the owners. In the two years since they opened their doors, they have found patrons are very impressed with the quality and style of the goods.

Just a short time ago, the design house created an extremely attractive new line featuring the art of William DeBilzan, noted American artist whose work is often seen adorning the chic homes of television characters; he has popular galleries in both Florida and California and his work is exhibited in over 28 galleries across the U.S. and Europe.

Mario Hernandez has been creating and designing products for over 30 years; his name is synonymous with manufacturing excellence and innovation in design. The store in Paseo Herencia Mall in Palm Beach is opened until 10:00 PM for convenient night-time shopping and boasts the latest collection of these timelessly styled accessories, each of them hand-crafted at the Bogotá factory.

by Rosalie Klein



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Ana and her daughter Johanna run the cozy little shop found tucked away just across from The Cinemas ticket booth, featuring fine quality leather goods with a trendy touch, the best of the current

pliques; the look and feel of it is simply gorgeous. Shawls and scarves perfectly combine with the buttery leather handbags and accessories for an ensemble fashion statement.

The Mario Hernandez collection encompasses luggage, handbags and wallets of every



Cashmir shawl with suede fringe and applique



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MH collection with art by William DeBilzan

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IPA Raps up Interesting Educational Seminar

ORANJESTAD -- Last week, the University of Aruba invited the IPA (Aruba's teacher training institute), Colegio EPI, the Youth Parliament Team, and the Circle K International Group to an interesting seminar. It was the first time that these institutions met together for such an event. They came together to listen to Aruban motivational speaker, Michael Tchong.

Mr. Tchong is the founder of Ubercool Inc. and expert in Trends and an inspirational speaker. The seminar was divided into 4 sessions that interacted with Mr. Tchong. A total of 600 students from the different schools participated in the seminar.

During the seminar Mr. Tchong presented 4 "Uberrends" (massive waves that reform the society) which, he claims are larger than in the past years. These are: the Digital Lifestyle, Time Compression, Unwired,



and Fountain of Youth. Tchong emphasized the fact that 'Uberrends' is making changes in the value of the consumer. As an example, he says, that "Time Compression" causes today's society to suffer TBD (To Busy Disorder).

For Tchong, the most im-

portant message for students is....time, the management of time is extremely important if they want to be successful in life. An example of the 'Digital Lifestyle' is that there are people in today's society who are referring to their laptop as 'lappy.' The society, apparently, does not see a laptop as

simply an electronic gadget, but as a family member. According to Tchong, the new lifestyle has changed the values of the society.

Using the four 'Uberrends' Tchong concluded his advise to the students saying: "use effective and efficient strategies to

Bon Bini Festival is tonight



ORANJESTAD -- The weekly Bon Bini Festival takes place tonight at the Fort Zoutman in Wilhelminastraat. Come mingle with the locals and enjoy a taste of Aruban culture.

This week the festival will feature the traditional Aruba caha di orgel by Crystal, folkloric music by Tipico Los Amigos, dance performance by Youth in Action, trio performance by The Heart Breakers, poem declaimed by Kathelin Farro, soloist Quincy Hasham and steelpan band The New Generation.

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and traditional local arts and crafts on sale.

Arubus has regular busses from all hotels areas to Oranjestad Central Terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is \$2.30. The festival is from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Entrance fee is \$3, =

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make your life easier. Don't let anyone steal your motivation to achieve your goals. If you want to achieve something in your life...just go for it. Be creative, change the rules!"

Each session was concluded with the raffle among the students of an IPOD, and a WiFi GSM card. Each student also received a challenge to undertake. They had to make a 45 second video explaining how they see the future of their particular institution. Said video has to be submitted by September 9th. Mr. Tchong will choose the winner who will win a "lappy" as prize.

The organizers had much praise and appreciation for the sponsors who made the event possible: Rijksoverheid/Vertegenwoordiging van Nederland op Aruba, Radisson Aruba Resort & Casino & Spa, Setar N.V. and 24Ora.com.

Sci-Tech**Freddie Mercury Day: 65th Birthday
Celebrated With Google Doodle**

Google Doodler Jennifer Hom designs the Freddie Mercury doodle at the Google headquarters in Mountain View, California, on September 2, 2011. A tribute to legendary Queen front man Freddie Mercury took center stage at Google in much of the world on September 5, 2011 in the latest "doodle" merging technology and art to show the Internet giant's human side. An animated video crafted into the logo on Google's search page to honor what would have been the late rock legend's 65th birthday marked the latest step in the evolution of doodles that started as rudimentary clip art. Google users woke to Mercury everywhere but in the United States, where a Labor Day holiday prompted the doodle to be bumped to September 6. (AFP PHOTO)

'Stemcell zoo' could save endangered species: study

(AFP) -- Scientists said they had produced the first stem-cells from endangered species, a breakthrough that could potentially save dozens of animals teetering on the brink of extinction.

"The best way to manage extinction is to preserve species and habitats but that is not always working," Oliver Ryder, director of genetics at the San Diego Zoo and co-leader of the study, said in a statement.

"Stemcell technology pro-

vides some level of hope that they won't have to become extinct even though they have been completely eliminated from their habitat."

That is the case for the northern white rhinoceros, one of the first two animals included in Ryder's new "stemcell zoo."

Only seven specimens remain in existence, all in captivity and two in San Diego.

The researchers also isolated stemcells from a critically threatened primate

called a drill, genetically a close cousin to humans.

Ryder's team had already collected skin cells and other tissue samples from more than 800 species -- stored in a "Frozen Zoo" -- by 2006.

That is when he contacted Jeanne Loring, a professor at the Scripps Research Institute in nearby La Jolla and the study's other lead researcher, about the possibility of using the bank to generate and store stemcells.

At first, Ryder and Loring tried to use genes from animals closely related to the target species in order to trigger the transformation, but the experiments failed.

Through trial and error, however, they discovered to their amazement that the same genes that induce pluripotency in humans also worked for the drill and the rhino.

The process is inefficient, only producing a few stem-cells at a time, according to the study, published in Nature Methods. But it was still enough to start the "stemcell zoo".

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**Digital debate:
Do birds have thumbs?**

generating a numerically diverse menagerie for grasping, clawing and walking.

Human and primate hands and feet normally have five fingers or toes each; birds have three in their wings and two, three or four digits on their feet; two-toed sloths speak for themselves.

Fuelled by conflicting evidence, debate has flourished for more than a century as to whether the tripart scaffolding of a bird wing corresponds to the thumb, index and middle finger, or to the index, middle and ring fingers.

Paleontological research tracing birds back to the theropod dinosaurs that roamed Earth two hundred million years ago favoured the "one-two-three" hypothesis.

Clues derived from the study of embryo development, however, suggested the "two-three-four" scenario was more likely.

The study also uncovered a new mystery: a lack of correspondence, or homology, between the other two digits buried in the bird wing and those found in the foot.

In biology, homology is a fundamental similarity -- across species or, in this case, within the same organism -- based on common descent or developmental origin.

"We want to find out how they acquired a unique identity," Wagner said.

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'750,000 facing death' as Somalia famine spreads: UN

NAIROBI (AFP) - Three-quarters of a million people are facing death by starvation in Somalia, the UN said Monday as it reported that famine had spread to a sixth southern region of the beleaguered Horn of Africa state.

The Bay area, which includes the major town of Baidoa, is a stronghold of hardline Islamist Shebab insurgents who have imposed severe restrictions on aid into the areas they control.

Malnutrition rates in Bay area are 58 percent, nearly four times the World Health Organization's emergency threshold.

The 750,000 people in famine-affected areas at risk of

death is a 66 percent increase from when famine was first declared in July in the southern Bakool and Lower Shabelle regions of southern Somalia, when 450,000 were at risk.

Famine later spread to three further areas, including into the Somali capital Mogadishu and the Afgoye corridor, the world's largest camp for displaced people.

Al-Qaeda affiliated Shebab fighters pulled out of positions in Mogadishu last month, but still control much of southern Somalia, the worst-hit region by famine and the extreme drought.

Famine implies that at least 20 percent of households face

extreme food shortages, acute malnutrition in over 30 percent of people, and two deaths per 10,000 people every day, according to UN definition.

Several areas are at severe risk of tipping over into famine conditions, the UN said.

Some 12.4 million people in the Horn of Africa, including parts of Ethiopia, Djibouti, Kenya and Uganda, are affected by the worst drought in decades in the region and are in need of humanitarian assistance, according to the UN.

International funding appeals have raised 59 percent of the more than \$1 billion the UN says is needed to support those affected in Somalia.

TB vaccine shows promise in mice: study

PARIS (AFP) - Researchers in the United States said they had developed a vaccine for tuberculosis that offered unprecedented protection in mice against the deadly disease.

Tuberculosis kills some 1.7 million people each year, with one in three people around the globe infected, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO). The only vaccine currently in use is notoriously inconsistent.

Researchers led by William Jacobs, a professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, determined that the key to warding off TB was to better understand how the bacterium that causes it, Mycobacterium tuberculosis, circumvents the human immune system.

Their strategy was to work with a closely related species, called Mycobacterium smegmatis, that is lethal to mice at

high doses but does not harm humans.

The scientists created a version of M. smegmatis lacking a set of genes, known as ESX-3, that allows the bug to evade host immunity.

As expected, even when injected with large doses of the altered bacteria, mice did not get sick. Without the missing genes, the modified bacterium could not get past their immune system, which fought off the infection using the same T-cells that a successful TB vaccine would need to activate.

But there was a hitch: removing the same set of ESX-3 genes from M. tuberculosis killed the bug, which meant that it could no longer be manipulated to create the long-sought after vaccine.

So Jacobs tried another tack: he created a hybrid of the two bacteria by inserting the

immune-system beating ESX-3 genes from M. tuberculosis into the version of M. smegmatis from which the equivalent genes has been removed.

Once again, the mice were able to fight off the infection. And when they were exposed eight weeks later to high doses of the TB that afflicts humans -- as lethal to mice as to people -- the "vaccinated" mice lived nearly three times as long on average as a control group, 135 versus 54 days.

Moreover, "vaccinated" animals that survived more than 200 days had livers that were completely clear of TB bacteria, and nobody has ever seen that before," Jacobs said in a statement.

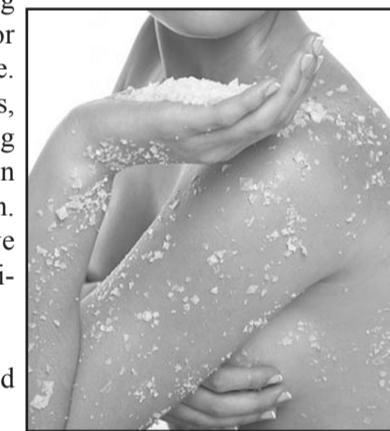
The study, published in Nature Medicine, cautioned that only a fifth of the mice showed such resilience, which means that the vaccine must be improved.

Health Tip: Exfoliating your skin

Exfoliating is skin treatment where the upper layers of dead skin cells are sloughed off by a loofah sponge, sea salt, brush, or by other means. You can exfoliate any area of skin. When exfoliating your face, use products that are designed for your face.

How to Exfoliate

1. Wet the area of skin you want to exfoliate.
2. Use a synthetic scrubbing sponge, exfoliating gloves or a body loofah.
3. Apply an exfoliating cleanser to your skin or sprinkle it onto your sponge.
4. Making circular motions, scrub the exfoliating cleanser over your skin using your sponge or loofah.
5. Be gentle over sensitive parts of the body, like delicate neck and thigh tissue.
6. Rinse skin thoroughly.
7. Follow up with a good moisturizer.



Exfoliation Tips

1. When exfoliating the face, use products specifically designed for the face.
2. Your skin may tingle for some minutes after using alpha or beta hydroxy acids.
3. If you exfoliate regularly, keep moisturizer on your face at all times to keep your face from drying out.

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"Environmental conditions are conducive for some development of this system over the next few days" the NHC report said.

The National Hurricane

Center has also announced that Katia, a storm churning in the Atlantic Ocean, had strengthened again to hurricane status, this time at Category Two, with maximum sustained winds of almost 100 miles (160 kilometers) per hour.

No coastal watches or warnings have been issued, but the hurricane center noted that the storm's fate remained clouded by "a lot of uncertainty."

InselAir introduces Comfort Class

InselAir, the Curacao-based airline that operates in the Pan-American region announced today that it has started with a Comfort Class onboard as an attractive new option next to the regular Economy Class.

In its five years of existence the airline has been operating all its flights with only economy class throughout the aircraft. Starting September 5th 2011, the entire InselAir fleet except for the Embraer-Banderantes will continue with an Economy and Comfort Class onboard. The Comfort Class provides an extra quality in services, ranging from various priority ground services to alcoholic drinks onboard and an extra baggage allowance especially for Comfort Class passengers. The Comfort class will be available on all flights operated by InselAir taking more than 45 minutes.

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CEO Albert Kluyver stated that there was a growing interest for a product such as a Comfort Class. "The Comfort Class is available for all flights longer than 45 minutes and is available in our MD-jets as well as our newly acquired Fokker-50's." Kluyver went on saying that this new inflight product is a big step into the new InselAir strategy, which is much more focused on the travel experience.

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Hollywood shies away from 9/11-inspired movies

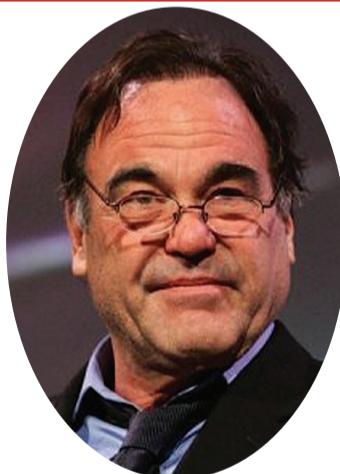
For many people, the images of commercial airliners hitting the Twin Towers, and of Manhattan engulfed in a huge dust cloud as they collapsed, looked like a Hollywood apocalypse-style movie.

But despite that -- or maybe in part because of it -- 9/11 has not generated as large a number of movies as previous epochal events such as World War II or Vietnam.

Industry insiders say experience shows that 9/11 movies just don't work at the box office -- adding that the attacks may even have pushed Tinsel Town to produce even more escapist movies than it normally would.

In the decade since, only two Hollywood studios have produced films directly inspired by the most deadly attacks ever on US soil: Universal with "United 93" by Paul Greengrass and Paramount with Oliver Stone's "World Trade Center." This despite an initial surge of Hollywood interest following the September 11, 2001 attacks in Washington and New York.

"There was certainly an enormous amount of interest in 9/11 and the wars that happened afterwards," said producer Bonnie Curtis, who has



Director Oliver Stone, recipient of "The Bulgari Award for NBR Freedom of Expression" for the film "World trade Center"

worked on films including Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan."

"I think that creatively, a lot of people started working on a material that normally would not even exist without the event itself," she told AFP.

But there were also fairly quickly doubts about public appetite for films about such a traumatic event.

"There was a lot of conversation between all of us, like 'Is it too soon' to make a film about the events, will audi-

ences have any interest in going and seeing that?'" Curtis said.

The answer was clear: "United 93" and "World Trade Center" were both relative box office failures when they came out in 2006. The first made \$74 million worldwide, the second \$161 million, modest numbers for Hollywood.

"That was a signal also for management to sort of reconsider the subject at the light of day," said Jason Squire, a professor at the School of Cinematic Arts at the University of Southern California. "You know, it's tough enough to make movies on any subject, and even more when the subject is sensitive."

Curtis said: "The audiences didn't really want to go the theater and see that. And Hollywood is a business; so after the first rush of a handful of films on the topic, no one was green-lighting those types of projects."

Disney producer Don Hahn said people did not want to see "traumatizing" films.

"I was traumatized and I think most of us were. So we don't want to look

at that again. We'd rather be entertained and movies can take us away from that and have us escape from that."

Smiling, he added: "Maybe that's why we are seeing so many super-hero movies, so many 'Captain America', 'Iron Man', because those characters can defeat bad guys and that's really a great story for us."

For Squire, there is little doubt: "The 9/11 attacks pointed out the value of entertainment in society as escapist."

That view is not shared by Richard Walter, a screenwriter and professor at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), who said: "To say that Hollywood films are escapist is like saying that Barack Obama is a Democrat."



"There is nothing new about that... I don't think that the things really changed. Hollywood is doing what it has always done," he added.

Curtis insists however that there has been a clear appetite for more lightweight movies since 9/11.

"You want to just completely escape into fantasy, special effects, superheroes, a complete escapist entertainment. I think there was a contingency of filmmakers here in Hollywood who went to that direction," she said.

But she added: "Completely opposite to that, were the filmmakers who wanted to go deeper into the tragedy at hand and show the effects that it had on our country and our planet."

Films like Kathryn Bigelow's 2010 Oscar winner "The Hurt Locker" are a testament to that.

"To me, the series of films made the last 10 years in and around the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts, obviously has to do with how deeply, in our heart, 9/11 hit us," said Curtis.

The 9/11 attacks "punched us in the stomach and certainly drew our focus towards the aftermath, which we are still dealing with."

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Swiss bankers call for deal with US on tax dodgers

ZURICH (AFP) - Swiss bankers on Monday called for a solution to ongoing tax disputes with the United States, following a Washington ultimatum to release information on alleged tax dodgers.

"Switzerland is not a banana republic," Patrick Odier, Chairman of the Swiss Bankers Association said during a press conference.

The banking group, comprised of 355 financial institutions, was reacting to Swiss media reports that US authorities had given Switzerland until Tuesday to transmit data from tax evaders in the United States who have stashed assets away in Swiss banks.

According to the weekly SonntagsZeitung, the United States has asked for detailed information on US nationals who have hidden their money in Switzerland, basing its report on a letter from the US deputy attorney general James Cole dated August 31, ad-

dressed to Swiss authorities. The letter mentioned Switzerland's second biggest bank, Credit Suisse, as well as around another 10 banks, notably Julius Baer, Wegelin, and the cantonal banks of Zurich and Basel, the Sunday paper said.

US authorities want all data concerning private customers and US foundations which have deposited at least \$50,000 (35,300 euros) in Switzerland between the period of 2002 and July 2010, it said.

When contacted by AFP, a spokesman with the Swiss Federal Department of Finance said that discussions were being held with the US on administrative assistance, but "we do not comment on the individual steps" of the talks.

He added that any data transfer would have to be done "on the basis of existing legislation", referring to the double

taxation agreement reached with Switzerland in 2009, ratified by the Alpine nation but not by the US Congress.

The agreement specifies that information exchange would be on "individual cases where a specific and justified request has been made," according to the Department of Finance.

This latest request is not the first by US officials. Switzerland's biggest bank UBS was forced to disclose the names of 4,450 US clients for whom it had offered to conceal funds from the eyes of the US tax inspectors.

The bank paid a fine of 780 million dollars to avoid losing its banking licence in the United States.

According to an anonymous banker quoted by SonntagsZeitung, Swiss banks risk a fine of around two billion Swiss francs (\$2.5 billion) to settle this latest tax evasion affair.

China must rebalance economy: World Bank chief

BEIJING (AFP) - The head of the World Bank on Monday urged China to rebalance its export-driven economy and said taming rising inflation remained the most important challenge for the country in the short term.

Robert Zoellick said the world's second-largest economy would have to focus more

on domestic demand, and warned that the coming months would be a "sensitive time" for many of the major developed economies.

The World Bank in July reclassified China as an upper middle income economy, putting it in a group of nations that he said needed to move on from the growth models they relied on while they were poor.

Zoellick said inflation remained the biggest short-term challenge for China's leaders, but that moves to rein in rising prices appeared to be working.

"It's too early to conclude that this has been solved, but I think China has been moving in the right direction," he said.

Beijing has been struggling to tame inflation, which hit a three-year peak of 6.5 percent in July. The August figure will be published on Friday.

The government has raised interest rates five times since October and tightened lending

restrictions numerous times this year to stem a flood of credit in the economy.

It has also allowed the yuan to strengthen at a faster pace in recent weeks to help curb imported inflation.

Zoellick said it was time for all countries -- and not just China -- to review their growth model, as a poor US jobs report on Friday added to fears that the world's largest economy is facing another recession.

Zoellick also warned that European banks would come under pressure if governments failed to reassure investors about the security of their debt.

His comments come after ratings agency Standard & Poor's last week said a second-quarter slowdown had increased the risk of a double dip recession in Europe, but that the region should escape with sluggish growth this year..

Europe stocks fall 5.0%

LONDON (AFP) - European stocks plunged by about 5.0 percent in mid afternoon trading on Monday, hit by acute tension over the risk of recession in leading economies and over eurozone debt.

The euro fell below 1.41 dollars. The price of gold jumped back above \$1,900 an ounce on demand for a safe haven investment.

The head of the European Central Bank Jean-Claude Trichet warned of an immediate and imperative need for enactment of a second debt rescue for Greece, and for tightened discipline in the management of eurozone economies.

And the head of the International Monetary Fund Christine Lagarde repeated her warning that banks in Europe need extra capital to withstand any contagion from the euro-

zone debt crisis.

The move against stocks was exacerbated by a decision by US authorities to take legal action against 17 leading international banks over trading in securitised mortgage trading at the heart of the 2008 financial crisis, traders said.

Bank shares fell heavily in Europe.

Asian stocks also fell sharply, with the Tokyo market shedding 1.86 percent.

The US legal moves are aimed at recouping billions of dollars lost in the financial crisis.

The U.S. jobs data for August were the worst since September 2010, when the economy shed more than twice the number of jobs it created. The pace of job growth remains far below the numbers needed to reduce the high unemployment rate.

Oil prices drop on weak US, China data



largest oil consumer creating no jobs in August, leaving the unemployment rate at a stubbornly high 9.1 percent.

Traders also tracked Chinese services sector data.

"Elsewhere global growth concerns have been exacerbated further overnight by the weaker than expected HSBC China Services PMI for August which dropped to 50.6 from 53.5 in July," said Lee Hardman, an economist at The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ.

The head of the World Bank meanwhile urged China on Monday to rebalance its export-driven economy and said taming rising inflation remained the most important challenge for the country in the short term.

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"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

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If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

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Women steal the show at Venice film festival



(From L) British actor James D'Arcy, British actress Andrea Riseborough, Singer and film director Madonna, Australian actress Abbie Cornish, actor Oscar Isaac and actress Natalie Dormer pose as they arrive for the screening of "W.E." at the 68th Venice Film Festival.

VENICE (AFP) - From the red carpet to the big screen, women are dazzling at this year's Venice Film Festival with the key roles going to female stars who amaze with glamour and sheer chutzpah.

Pop diva Madonna crazed the island when she sauntered down the celebrity runway in a striking Vionnet dress with red butterfly motif and long sweeping train -- matched with large red-rimmed sunglasses and a dynamite red

lipstick.

Her new film, "W.E.", tackles the tale of King Edward VIII's famous abdication and marriage to American divorcee Wallis Simpson through the perspectives of two emotionally enslaved but courageous women. The blond star may be planning to spend a lot more time in the floating city, after reports that she has been to look around an enormous palace on the canal, going for 40 million



Keira Knightley

euros (\$7 million dollars) -- gondola not included.

As well as partying, the singer also presented the very first Gucci Award for Women in Cinema to American actress Jessica Chastain -- starring in two films screening in Venice this year -- for her performance in "Tree of Life".

Dashing George Clooney is hoping for an award for his

fourth film as a director, the political thriller "The Ides of March", which premiered on the opening night to rounds of applause and screams from delirious fans, he was accompanied on the red carpet by Cindy Crawford -- a former supermodel who wowed paparazzi with a classic red Roberto Cavalli gown -- before slipping away to a private beach party on the Lido island.

British actress Keira Knightley's harrowing portrayal of a hysterical woman who changes the lives of two of the twentieth century's greatest minds -- Sigmund Freud and Carl Jung -- has already drawn high praise from critics.

The star -- who caused wild print dress by designer Mary Katrantzou caused controversy in some circles -- joked that her performance in David Cronenberg's "A Dangerous Method" was inspired by her own madness.

US actress Kate Winslet, starring in three films at the festival, said she enjoyed herself in Roman Polanski's comedy "Carnage," where she gets drunk and projectile



Gwyneth Paltrow

vomits -- though the vomit, she said, was mainly squashed banana.

But it was actress Gwyneth Paltrow who seemed to have had the most fun, as a character in Steven Soderbergh's "Contagion" who gets horrifically killed off by a lethal virus and then has her scalp peeled away and her brain dissected.

Serena storms into US Open last eight



Serena hits a return

NEW YORK (AFP) - Serena Williams eased closer to a fourth US Open title Monday, storming past Ana Ivanovic 6-3, 6-4 to set-up a quarter-final clash with Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, the youngest player left in the draw.

Williams, seeded a lowly 28 after a year spent battling injury and serious illness, has yet to drop a set at Flushing Meadows this year and former world number one Ivanovic never looked likely to break that streak.

The 29-year-old American raced into a 3-0 lead in the opening set on a windswept Arthur Ashe Stadium before 16th-seeded Ivanovic, who has never got beyond the last 16, hit back to level at 3-3.

But a break in the eighth game put Williams on course to take the opener.

Another break in the first game of the second set proved the foundation for victory which she secured when Ivanovic went long with a service return.

"It was so windy today, it was really tough," said Ser-

ena, who came into the US Open with titles in Stanford and Toronto, her first tournament wins after spending 11 months on the sidelines following Wimbledon in 2010.

"I feel so blessed to be back. A couple of months ago I never expected to be here. I feel so honoured now and every match is a bonus. It's all so exciting."

With defending champion Kim Clijsters not playing, and with former winner Maria Sharapova, Wimbledon victor Petra Kvitova and French Open titlist Li Na losing before the third round, Williams is comfortably the tournament favourite.

Russia's Pavlyuchenkova battled back to defeat seventh-seeded Italian Francesca Schiavone 5-7, 6-3, 6-4 to reach her first US Open quarter-final in a mistake-plagued last 16 clash.

Pavlyuchenkova, the 17th seed, triumphed in a match-up of the youngest and oldest players -- 20 and 31 -- left in the women's event.

But Monday's 2hr 42min match, which opened the pro-

gramme on Labor Day, a national holiday in the US, was not for the purists with 21 double faults, 16 breaks of serve and a combined 95 unforced errors.

"It's a dream come true for me to reach the quarter-finals here for the first time. I'm so happy about it," said Pavlyuchenkova, who lost to Schiavone at the same stage last year and in the quarter-finals of this season's French Open.

The day's other last 16 ties see top seed and world number one Caroline Wozniacki tackle 2004 champion Svetlana Kuznetsova, the Russian 15th seed.

Wozniacki, still without a Grand Slam title, was the runner-up to Clijsters at Flushing Meadows in 2009, beating Kuznetsova in the fourth round on her way to the final.

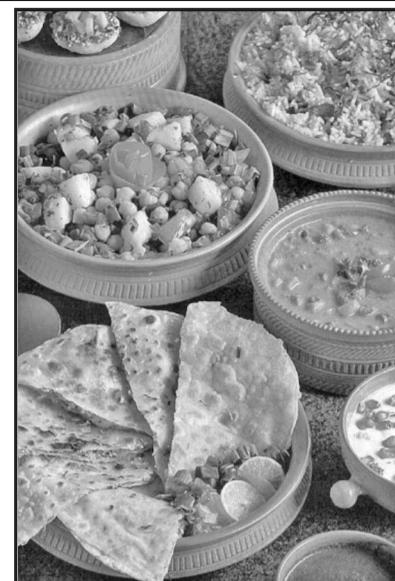
The Dane has a 4-2 winning record over the 26-year-old Kuznetsova. The winner of that tie will take on either German 10th seed Andrea Petkovic or unseeded Spaniard Carla Suarez Navarro.

Petkovic lost the pair's only other previous meeting at the 2010 Australian Open.

The German, who will be 24 on Friday, is bidding to reach her first US Open quarter-final having made the last eight at the Australian Open and at Roland Garros this year.

The remaining women's quarter-finals line-up was decided on Sunday with Vera Zvonareva, the second seeded Russian and runner-up last year, setting up a clash against Australian Samantha Stosur, the ninth seed.

Italian 26th seed Flavia Pennetta will be facing unseeded German Angelique Kerber in the other last eight tie.



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India blow as Tendulkar ruled out of England series



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"He went to a specialist in London, and we got the news he would not be taking any further part in the one-day series and he might need rest for four to six weeks."

The opening match of India's one-day series with England was abandoned on Saturday. The second match takes place at the Rose Bowl in Southampton on Tuesday.

Tendulkar's next opportunity to break through the 100 century barrier will most likely be against England in Hyderabad in the first of five one-dayers next month.

Tendulkar is the eighth player to depart India's unhappy tour of England following the departures of Rohit Sharma, Virender Sehwag, Zaheer Khan, Gautam Gambhir, Yuvraj Singh, Ishant Sharma and Harbhajan Singh.

Manoj Tiwary has been called up to replace Rohit Sharma, who suffered a fractured finger in Saturday's opening one-dayer.

Opener Parthiv Patel was philosophical about India's lengthening casualty list. "It's something not in our control and which we can't do anything about," he said.

"We just have to try to make sure we make the use of all our resources."

"You can't fill the shoes of Sachin, no matter who you are - so that's obviously a big loss. But it will be a good opportunity for youngsters to prove themselves."



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Indy to host MotoGP event to 2014



Indianapolis will continue to host a MotoGP event from 2012 through 2014 after an agreement announced Sunday between the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and MotoGP officials.

The site of the famed IndyCar oval race has hosted MotoGP races every year starting in 2008 after a split with Formula One, which

staged US Grand Prix races at Indy from 2000 through 2007, five of them won by Michael Schumacher.

Speedway and MotoGP officials announced the fifth annual Indianapolis MotoGP Grand Prix would be staged August 17-19, 2012.

Australia's Casey Stoner, the MotoGP season points leader, won this year's event

last weekend.

"We're happy to welcome back the exciting action and colorful, daring riders of MotoGP," Speedway president Jeff Belskus said.

"This event brings a unique international flavor and style of racing to the Speedway that has become a solid, new tradition on our annual schedule. We're excited about the event's potential for continued growth into the future."

American rider Ben Spies, last year's MotoGP Rookie of the Year, is excited that the Indy race will continue. He sat on the pole in last year's race.

"There's nothing more special than coming to a home race and putting it all on the line in front of your fans," Spies said. "There is so much history at the Brickyard. It's a pleasure to be a part of it."

Blue Jays rookie Brett Lawrie smashes a towering walk-off homer in 11th



MLB Standings

| American League | | | | National League | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------|----|------|-----------------|----|---------------|----|----|------|------|--|
| | East | W | L | Pct | GB | East | W | L | Pct | GB | |
| NY YANKEES | 84 | 53 | .613 | -- | | PHILADELPHIA | 88 | 47 | .652 | -- | |
| BOSTON | 84 | 54 | .609 | 0.5 | | ATLANTA | 81 | 57 | .587 | 8.5 | |
| TAMPA | 75 | 63 | .543 | 9.5 | | NY METS | 67 | 70 | .489 | 22.0 | |
| TORONTO | 69 | 70 | .496 | 16 | | WASHINGTON | 64 | 73 | .467 | 25.0 | |
| BALTIMORE | 55 | 82 | .401 | 29.0 | | FLORIDA | 61 | 77 | .442 | 28.5 | |
| Central | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DETROIT | 77 | 62 | .554 | -- | | MILWAUKEE | 83 | 57 | .593 | -- | |
| CLEVELAND | 69 | 67 | .507 | 6.5 | | ST. LOUIS | 74 | 65 | .532 | 8.5 | |
| CHICAGO | 68 | 68 | .500 | 7.5 | | CINCINNATI | 68 | 71 | .489 | 14.5 | |
| MINNESOTA | 58 | 80 | .420 | 18.5 | | PITTSBURG | 64 | 75 | .460 | 18.5 | |
| KANSAS | 58 | 82 | .414 | 19.5 | | CHICAGO | 59 | 80 | .424 | 23.5 | |
| West | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEXAS | 79 | 61 | .564 | -- | | HOUSTON | 47 | 92 | .338 | 35.5 | |
| LA ANGELES | 75 | 64 | .540 | 3.5 | | ARIZONA | 79 | 60 | .558 | -- | |
| OAKLAND | 63 | 76 | .453 | 15.5 | | SAN FRANCISCO | 73 | 66 | .525 | 6.0 | |
| SEATTLE | 58 | 80 | .420 | 20.0 | | LA DODGERS | 68 | 70 | .493 | 10.5 | |
| | | | | | | COLORADO | 66 | 73 | .475 | 13.0 | |
| | | | | | | SAN DIEGO | 60 | 79 | .432 | 19.0 | |

TORONTO, CANADA - Brett Lawrie (top) of the Toronto Blue Jays celebrates his bottom of the 11th inning walk off home run with teammates to give the Blue Jays a 1-0 victory over Red Sox during MLB game action against the Boston Red Sox yesterday in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Lawrie launched a 1-1 pitch from Dan Wheeler (2-2) to center field to make a winner of Shawn Camp (3-3). Jonathan Papelbon struck out Adam Lind in the 10th with the bases loaded to send the game to the 11th. (AFP)


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Strike cancelled as league, players find agreement

ROME (AFP) - The Italian League and Players' Union (AIC) has called off a player strike after finding an agreement on Monday over a collective contract, meaning the new Serie A season will begin on Friday.

The warring factions have agreed a temporary deal that will expire at the end of the season but will at least allow the campaign to begin after the first round of matches just over a week ago was called off.

The new Serie A season will therefore kick off on Friday night with champions AC Milan hosting Lazio.

"It was worth having such a tough negotiation because the clubs have achieved much of what they wanted," league chief Maurizio Beretta told Italian news agency Ansa.

It is only a temporary agreement, however, de-

signed to allow the football season to begin while the two parties continued to debate the two major sticking points.

The first relates to the payment of a solidarity tax, which the players have now agreed to pay themselves, and the second is connected to the fate of players who are forced to train on their own when dropped from their club's squad.

Although agreement has temporarily been reached, AIC president Damiano Tommasi said it was thanks in most part to the players for compromising.

"We're going to play and I think that's thanks to the players for their good sense in these negotiations," he said.

"If, as Beretta has said, the clubs have achieved a lot then it means we won't have much to discuss for the new contract that will replace this bridging deal."

Blanc expects different challenge in Romania

BUCHAREST (AFP) - France coach Laurent Blanc is expecting a different type of game against Romania here on Tuesday in their Euro 2012 qualifier after overcoming Albania in an at times physical battle on Friday.

France cruised into a two-goal lead in Tirana thanks to goals from Karim Benzema and Yann M'Vila but endured a scare or two before closing out a 2-1 win that leaves Les Bleus top of Group D with 16 points after seven games.

"Every match is different and every team offers a dif-

ferent threat," Blanc said after arriving in the Romanian capital on Monday.

"From what I have seen Romania are more of a footballing side than Albania. They really try to play football, and are a less aggressive team but the France team needs to play well first and foremost in order to win the match."

Blanc admitted that he has one or two injury worries and said that changes to his starting line-up are likely for what will be the inaugural match at Romania's new 55,600-capacity National Arena.


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Djokovic lines up all-Serb quarter-final



Djokovic celebrates beating Dolgopolov

NEW YORK (AFP) - World number one Novak Djokovic weathered a first-set storm to subdue Alexandr Dolgopolov 7-6 (16/14), 6-4, 6-2 on Monday and reach the quarter-finals of the US Open.

Djokovic, who has lost just two matches this year and claimed the Australian Open and Wimbledon titles as he surged to the top of the rankings, needed six set points -- and had to save four -- to claim the first-set tiebreaker.

Dolgopolov, a 22-year-old Ukrainian enjoying the best year of his career, showed no fear against tennis' dominant player, using his speed around the court and an array of shots to wrong-foot Djokovic.

"It was strong wind, tricky conditions, he's the kind of player who knows how to play in these conditions," said Djokovic after his 61st win of the year.

"I was confused on the court the first set, but it was really exciting -- really exciting."

Two straight forehand errors from Djokovic gave Dolgopolov a 4-0 lead in the decider, but the Serbian roared back to win the next five before Dolgopolov gave himself a set point at 6-5 that Djokovic saved with a forehand winner.

Djokovic saved another set point before having one of his own, which Dolgopolov saved with an awkward volley that Djokovic was sure was wide.

Djokovic's next two chances came against Dolgopolov's serve, and the Ukrainian

saved one with an ace before Djokovic gave himself another on his own serve at 12-11.

He said it would be difficult to play his Davis Cup teammate Tipsarevic in the

quarter-finals, but the match-up has an upside.

"There's going to be a Serbian in the semi-finals, which is great for our country," he said.

Tipsarevic, 27, reached the

last eight of a Grand Slam for the first time, prevailing in a baseline battle against former world number one Juan Carlos Ferrero 7-5, 6-7 (3/7), 6-5, 6-2.

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